



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 10, 2019.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C.; New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION]. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

TITLE: Hawaii Agricultural Theft Survey

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0535-0264

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. NASS will conduct a survey of agricultural operations in Hawaii. Each selected farmer or rancher will be asked to provide data on 1) Number and value of theft, vandalism, and trespassing incidents in 2019, 2) How many incidents were reported and acted on, and 3) How much was spent to reduce future incidents along with effectiveness. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: Interest in this topic has been expressed by producers along with a possible program to reduce agricultural theft/vandalism/trespassing. Hawaii farmers and ranchers will benefit from this survey by having statistically defensible estimates of theft/vandalism/trespassing from 2019 at the local level. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has entered into a cooperative agreement with NASS to conduct an Agricultural Theft Survey. The purpose of this survey is to ascertain the extent of loss from theft or vandalism in calendar year 2019.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Farmers

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 1,500

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Once a year

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 420

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